

# Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled  
 (Insert Title) ELECTROLESS PLATING METHOD

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

was filed on September 22, 2000 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP00/06504 and was amended on July 11, 2001 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications. See note A on back of this page)	<u>Patent Appln.11-272610</u> <small>(Number)</small>	<u>JAPAN</u> <small>(Country)</small>	<u>27/September/1999</u> <small>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<u>Patent Appln.2000-52762</u> <small>(Number)</small>	<u>JAPAN</u> <small>(Country)</small>	<u>29/February/2000</u> <small>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the application:

(List Prior U.S. Applications)	<u>(Application Serial Number)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
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